

# Southside Zoning Ordinance Amendments Project: Update and Draft EIR Scoping Session



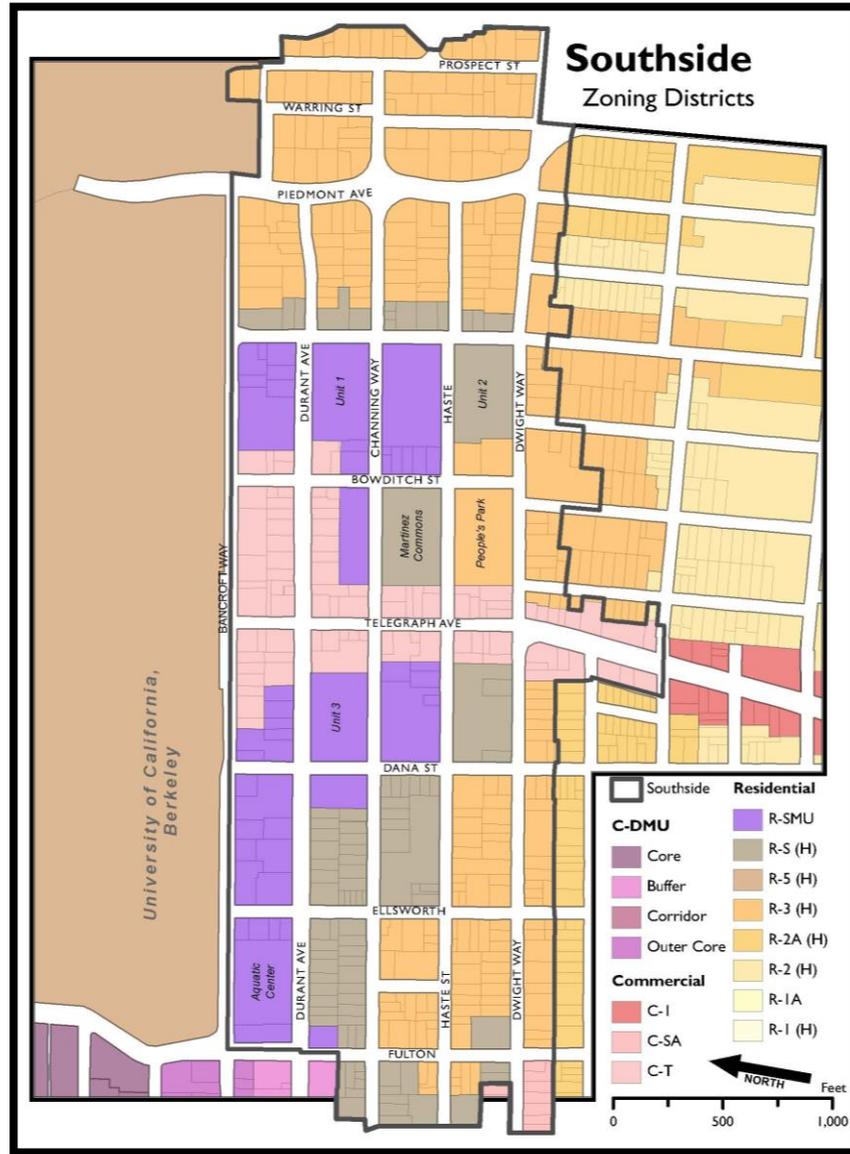
CITY OF BERKELEY PLANNING COMMISSION

August 5, 2020

# FOCUS OF TONIGHT'S DISCUSSION

- Provide an update of the Project
- Provide information about the CEQA process
- Take comments on the Draft EIR

# SOUTHSIDE AREA AND PLAN



# BASIS FOR PROJECT

Six Council referrals:

- Increase development potential in C-T
- Allow non-commercial uses on ground floors
- Pilot density bonus program to build low-income housing
- Increase height and FAR in R-SMU, R-S, R-3
- Remove parking, allow two high-rises for student housing
- Convert commercial space into residential

# **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

- Development Standards
- Ground Floor Residential Uses
- Reduced Discretion
- Zoning Map Modifications

# **BUILDOUT ASSUMPTIONS**

4,597 units; 10,344 residents  
(over existing conditions)

# PURPOSE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

- Disclose the potential significant environmental effects of proposed actions
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce adverse environmental effects
- Consider feasible alternatives to proposed actions
- Foster interagency coordination in the review of projects
- Enhance public participation in the planning process

# PURPOSE OF THE SCOPING MEETING

- Inform the community and concerned agencies about the project and the EIR
- Solicit input regarding the EIR scope
- Inform the community about future opportunities for input

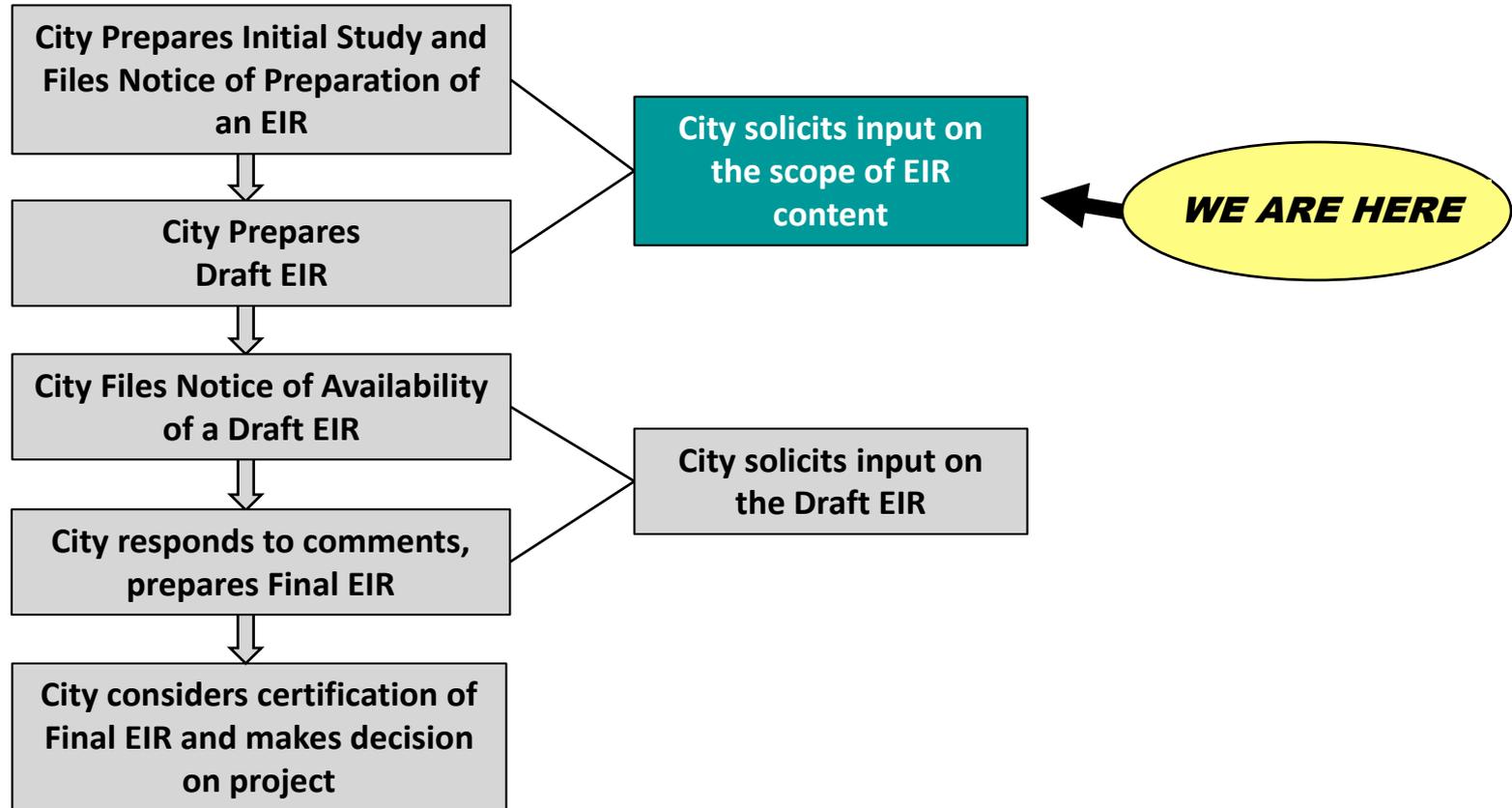
# SOUTHSIDE PROJECT CEQA ANALYSIS

Environmental Issues to be studied in EIR:

- Air Quality
- Cultural, Tribal Cultural, and Historic Resources
- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Transportation
- Utilities and Service Systems

All other issue areas found to be less than significant or less than significant with mitigation in the Initial Study

# THE EIR PROCESS



# PUBLIC REVIEW TIMELINE



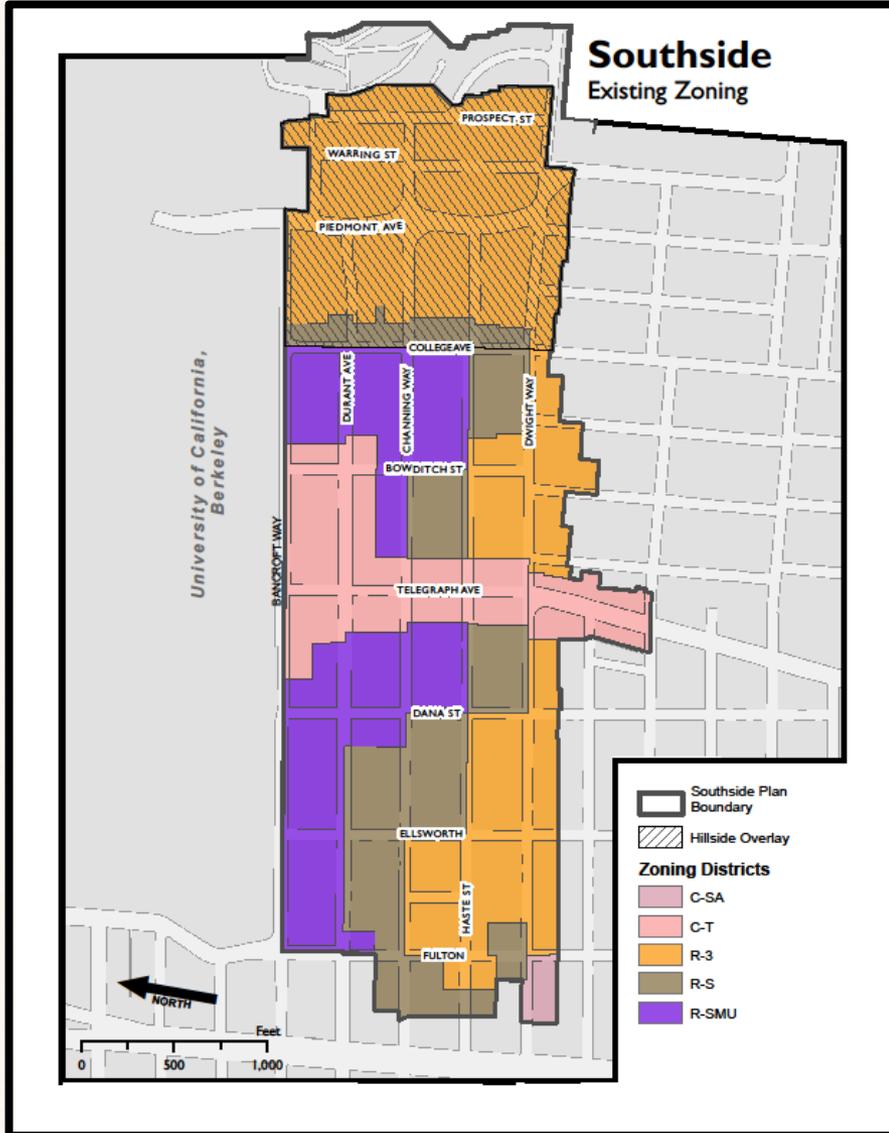
# WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS ON...

- The scope, focus, and content of the EIR
- Mitigation measures to avoid or reduce environmental effects
- Alternatives to avoid or reduce environmental effects
- **Please submit written comments by September 9, 2020 to:**

Elizabeth Greene, Senior Planner  
Planning and Development Department,  
1947 Center Street, 2nd Floor  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
[EGreene@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:EGreene@cityofberkeley.info)

# ZONING DISTRICT LOCATIONS

## Existing Zoning



## Proposed Zoning Option

